



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

1S E Williams & G Papiez
1P Macey Parker
2G Poppy-Grace Perryman
2D Jayden Lee
3E Sarah Clark
3P B Gurzynski & K Webber
4J Paige Clarke
4S Lydia Butt
5P Ruby Land
5B Lennon Long
6P Rogan Sully
6H Bonnie Owen

Multiplication Tests

3E	72%
3P	81%
4S	32%
5P	77%
5B	79%
6P	80%
6H	65%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Theo Kingdon
FSBB Phoebe Duric
1S Georgia Kurniak
1P Declan Davey
2G Connie Skinner
2D Jayden Lee
3E Thomas Davey
3P Finley Baker
4J Grace Parker
4S Tilly Matthews
5P Olivia Harrison
5B Paige Parker
6P Sophie Mullins
6H Neda Verpetinskaite

Best Attendance

FSN - 99.7%

Monday 3 October 2016

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting - The Friends will be holding a meeting on Thursday 6 October at 2.30pm. All parents and carers of children are automatically part of the Friends of Heathcoat Primary and we would like to welcome everyone to attend our meetings where we discuss ideas for fundraising for the school.

News

Year 6 Transfer to High School - at the beginning of September letters were sent out from Devon County Council with information about applying for a secondary school place. Please note that the deadline is Monday 31 October and that applications received after this date will not be processed with all the others, meaning that you may miss out on a place at your preferred school. If you need any help or more information, please ask at the school office.

Tiverton High Open Evening - on Tuesday 4 October the high school will be holding an open evening from 6-8pm for children in Years 5 and 6. Introductory talks will take place at 6.15pm and 6.45pm as well as tours around the different departments.

Year 3 Egyptian Workshop - apologies for the error on the letter sent out recently. The children will need to come dressed up as Ancient Egyptians on **Wednesday 12 October**.

Year 4 Great Wood Residential - a reminder that the deadline for the final balance is today. If you have not yet paid the full amount could you please come and speak to the office staff.

Nursery Fees - if your child has additional sessions in the nursery, the £12 fee must please be paid in advance.

Head Lice - We have had a few cases of head lice in school since we returned in September. Please could all parents regularly check their children's hair. If lice are found they will need to be treated every 3 days for at least 2 weeks to ensure that all the eggs are removed. Combing hair through with conditioner and a fine toothed comb is often the best treatment. Long hair should be tied back to reduce the risk of spreading lice.

Charity Head Shave - on Friday 7 October Lou Dedames is shaving her hair off. She is not only doing this to raise money for the Macmillan cancer charity, but also to get people talking about the issues surrounding the disease and as support for anyone having to face up to the fact that they are going to lose their hair. Most of us know someone or have been affected ourselves by cancer, so why not help others to not feel like they are alone? To support Lou, we would like children to either wear a hat or come to school with 'mad hair'. We would ask that children bring a donation (£1 for example) and if parents would also like to sponsor Lou then please pop into the office. Please note that children should still wear school uniform on Friday and that any hair colour/changes should be back to normal by Monday.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week. We raised an amazing £244.21.

Tiverton Singers - are holding an anniversary concert to celebrate 25 years of singing. The concert will on Saturday 15 October at 7.30pm at Tiverton High School. Tickets cost £7.50 and are sold to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West.

This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Year 3 Egyptian Workshop - 12 October

Year 4 Residential - week beg 17 October

Phonics Workshop for Recp parents - 11 Oct

Parent Day - 3 November

Term Dates

Autumn Half Term
Monday 24 October -
Friday 28 October

Non Pupil Day
Friday 18 November

Last Day of Term
Friday 16 December

First Day of Spring
Term
Tues 3 January 2017

Spring Half Term
Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June



Message from Mrs Roberts

As Attendance Officer for the school we are always looking for ways to support good attendance in school. We work closely with Devon County Council Educational Welfare Officer, Sandra Nightingale and she is always willing to talk to parents who may have concerns around their child's attendance. Sandra regularly comes into school and monitors attendance across the school.

So why is good attendance at school so important? Did you know

- 90% attendance is 19 days missed from school in a year. Over 5 years, that is half of a school year missed! Only 2 out of 4 children will achieve their target grades.
- 85% attendance is 29 days missed from school in a year. Only 1 out of every 4 students will achieve their target grades.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. We want to support children to build this habit in primary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and at work.

We run Tea and Toast every morning from 8.15am over in the Community Room where all families are welcome to bring their children to have a communal breakfast to start the day off positively.

We also want to celebrate good attendance across the school and are exploring ways to do this. If you would like any more information about attendance, or have any ideas on how we can develop good attendance, please contact me.

SATs Question - Each week will be publish a question from last year's SATs papers for either KS1 or KS2. The question will either be from one of the maths papers or the SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Can you answer the question? How did you work it? If your child is in Year 2 or 6 can they answer the question? Remember there is a time limit on the KS2 papers!

KS2 arithmetic paper 2016

$987 + 100 =$

Wow Slips - Please continue to share with us your child's 'wow' moments.

Kiaryn Howe - has been working very hard with his reading. He has been a resilient rhino and tried again with hard words that he couldn't read. Keep up the good work!

Liam Yates - was a resilient rhino for not making a fuss whilst walking for one and a half miles, keeping up with fellow beavers, even though he was feeling tired. Well done Liam!

Anna Paine - found the 9m high rope course really difficult and didn't think that she could do the zip wire. Anna showed resilience and determination when she plucked up the courage to step off the platform and complete the course. Well done Anna the whole group were really proud of you.

Ryan Toy - worked really hard on his Egypt homework this weekend. He was a resourceful raccoon, using the internet to get the facts he needed. Well done Ryan.

Nicola Toy - is a resourceful raccoon. She has learned to unscrew the top off a 6 pint milk bottle and pour herself a cup of milk with no help at all. Well done Nicola.